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In re Application of

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Serial No. 09/469,499

Group Art Unit: 2613

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For: REPRODUCTION APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING USER MODIFIABLE PROTECTION OF DATA REPRODUCTION (as amended)

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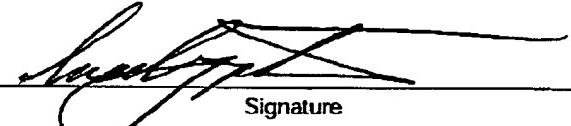
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1. Transmittal Sheet;
2. Request for Continued Examination Transmittal (PTO SB 30);
3. Petition for three month Extension of Time;
4. Payment of fees (\$750 + \$930 = \$1,680) by Form PTO 2038; and
5. Submission under 37 CR 1.114 (Amendment).

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